Mr. M. P. Cherian.—In short vacancies, they act.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government any objection to reserve a small percentage at least of the District Registrar's places for promotion of under-graduate clerks?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Government are of opinion that all District Registrars should be graduates.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to under-graduates of experience and approved capacity now existing in the service, will the Government do something in view of the fact that such practice is obtained in British India from where you almost always copy?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The Government have already given their opinion in the matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will they be pleased to re-consider their decision in view of the fact already explained by me?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The Government have already expressed their opinion. There is no question of reconsideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to take that the opinion once expressed by the Government is not reconsiderable?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Each case will have to be viewed independently and on its own merit and not as a general principle.

Arecanut trade—Kokkalai market—Grant of licenses.

157. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many licenses have been granted by the Government to carry on trade in arecanuts in the Kokkalai market;

(b) had not the system of giving licenses to more persons than one to deal in arecanuts been in vogue for the last many years at Kokkalai?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Nil.

(b) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware of any arecanut trade carried on in Kokkalai market.

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Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Arecanut trade might have been carried on there. The Government have no information. The Municipality licenses the market. It does not come under dangerous articles. So in the market Arecanut trade might have been carried.

Viswakarma Mayacharya Co-operative Society—Trichur—concessions granted.

158. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) if any concession or special favour was granted to Viswakarma Mayacharya Co-operative Society, Trichur, in the matter of accepting their tenders for furniture for the several departments of the State;

(b) if so, when;

(c) was the privilege withdrawn;

(d) if so, why;

2. (a) was any representation made by the members of the society to reconsider the order of the Diwan;

(b) if so when and how it resulted;

3. is it not the policy of the Government to encourage indigenous institutions of the sort run by the members of the workmen class themselves; if so, will the Government be pleased to restore the original concession?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—1. (a) and (b) An order was issued in 1931 directing Heads of Departments at Trichur to place their orders for furniture with this Society if their quotations compared favourably with those of approved agencies.

(c) No.

(d), 2. (a) and (b) The questions do not arise in view of the above answer.

3. Yes. As stated in answer to question 1 (c) the original concession has not been withdrawn. Hence the question does not arise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether orders for furniture from the various departments are also not placed with the Government Industrial Schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—A number of Heads of Departments have placed orders for furniture with the Industrial

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